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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. TODAY'S PRESS COVERAGE OF RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS

IS SLIGHT. TRIPLE VETO OF UNSC RESOLUTION ON SOUTH

AFRICA IS GIVEN PROMINENT TREATMENT.

2. RHODESIA. IN SHORT FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE, NOTICIAS

OCTOBER 21 QUOTES ROBERT MUGABE AS SAYING "THE REFUSAL

OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT THE SUGGESTION

OF THE AFRICAN LEADERS TO ASSUME ITS FORMER RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN ZIMBABWE CONSTITUTED MORE PROOF OF THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO PLAY A ROLE IN RESOLVING THE PROBLEM OF RHODESIA'S INDEPENDENCE."

MUGABE, WHO WAS SPEAKING IN LUSAKA, ALSO REITERATED HIS DEMAND THAT A BRITISH MINISTER CHAIR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, INTERVIEWED IN SALISBURY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA AS A MEMBER OF JOSHUA NKOMO'S

DELEGATION, GARFIELD TODD SUGGESTED THAT IVOR RICHARD SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A MORE ILLUSTRIOUS BRITISH

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OFFICIAL. TODD REPORTEDLY TOLD JOURNALIST THAT THE BRITISH OFFICIAL WHO PRESIDES OVER THE GENEVA CON-

ERENCE "MUST BE" A MODERN VERSION OF LORD MOUNTBATTEN..  
"A PERSON WHO HAS MADE A NAME IN GOVERNMENT ADMINIS-  
TRATION, WHO IS FIRST RATE, WHO IS WELL KNOWN" AND  
WHO HAS NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH INTERNAL RHODESIAN  
POLITICAS IN THE PAST.

3. NAMIBIA: SAME EDITION OF NOTICIAS CARRIES LONG  
BACK PAGE ARTICLE ON TRIPLE VETO (BY US, UK AND FRANCE)  
OF UNSC RESOLUTION ON MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST  
SOUTH AFRICA. IN JUSTIFYING THE U.S. VETO, GOVERNOR  
SCRANTON IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT "SUBSTANTIAL  
PROGRESS" HAS BEEN MADE ON REACHING AND ACCORD ON  
NAMIBIA AND THAT "IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF THE DELICATE  
STRUCTURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE DESTROYED BY ANY  
HASTY ACTIONS." DRAWING ON CRITICISM OF THE VETO BY  
TANZANIAN REPRESENTATIVE SALIM SALIM AND SWAPO  
OFFICIAL THEO-BEN GURIRAB, NOTICIAS QUESTIONS WHETHER  
ANY REAL PROGRESS ON NAMIBIA HAS BEEN MADE. CONCLUDING,  
NOTICIAS QUOTES GURIRAB AS SAYING: "THE DECISION TO  
VETO THE PROPOSAL SEEMS TO TRANSLATE INTO A FIRM  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THESE POWERS AND THE RACIST REGIME  
OF VORSTER." DE PREE

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